



FISSEALOGY is the study of what transpires during FISSEA annual Conferences. This is performed thru unbiased observation of various factors and the recordation and correlation of findings. Permit me to quickly inform you in summary of the compilation of findings for the first 20 such gatherings. This may come as a surprise to some but the six resultant explanations have been organized in line with the very organizations acronym.

F is for Family, which is the way most attendees feel after being exposed to and participating in the intimate presentation setting. We are The Little Conference That Could.

I is for Innovation, the best method of which is based on working with others to build a consensus when excellence is attained hence our Conference theme includes **Innovation and Collaboration**.

S is first for Superior as relates to the quality of the proposals submitted by speakers and panelists who offered themselves as possible presenters.

S is secondly for Selection Committee which worked with the Program Chair to make some very difficult decisions of who could and who could not be included in the Conference program.

E is for Ease of work with our hosting organization, NIST. From active participants thru NIST management and Conference Office personnel, help was always available in a collegial manner when requested.

A is for Activities, to include NIST Tours, our Dinner out, breaks, meals, and other opportunities for peers to network and forge professional relationships, which brings us back to F is for Family

My hope is that you have found this explanation enlightening and that you will, each in your own way, contribute to the continuation of this organizational study and embellish these statements by your own annual participation. Enjoy the Conference and please let us know any thoughts you may have on how it can be improved so next years Conference Committee can benefit from your input and improve the programming.

See you around the Conference Campus,

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